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Dear Dick:

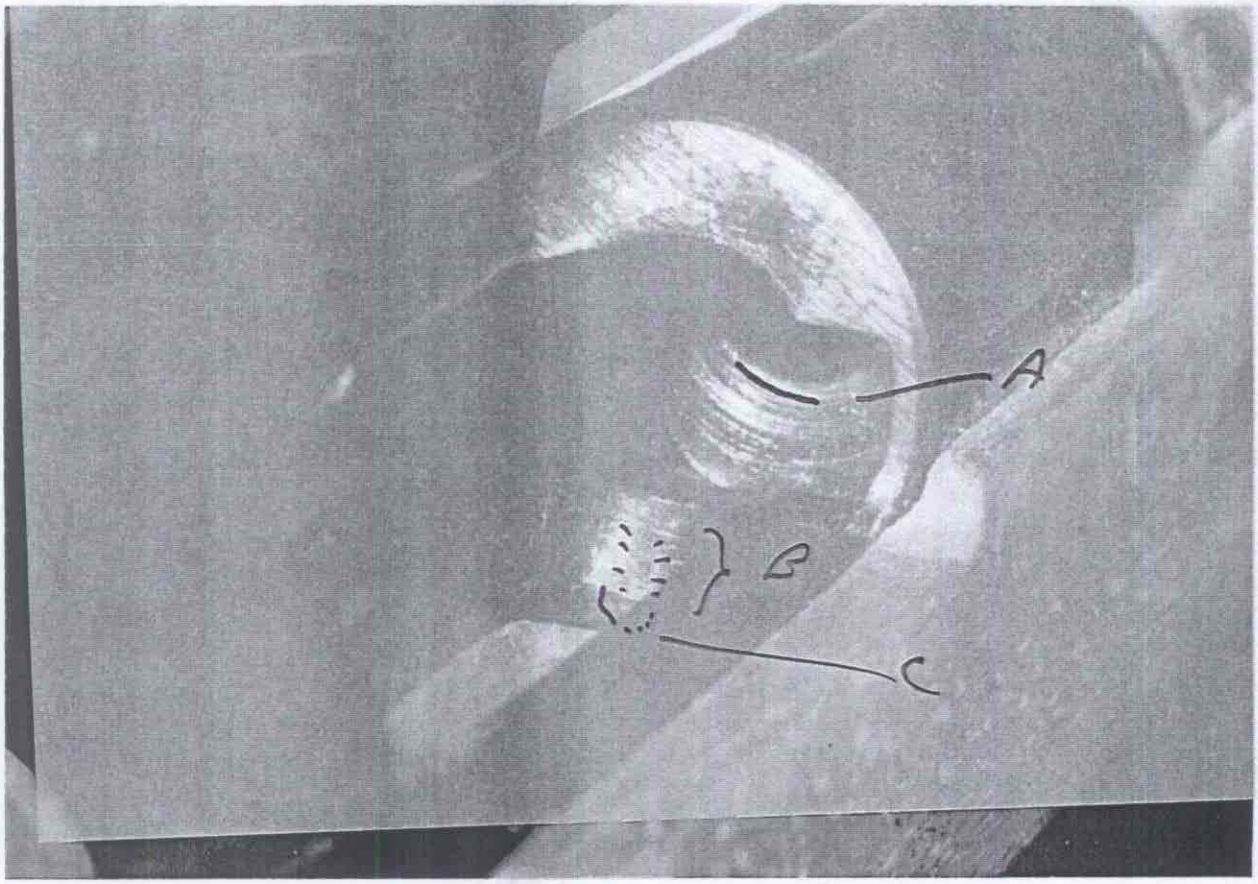
Enclosed is black-white print of the breech of the gun a 2x2 transparancy of which I previously sent you. On the overlay I have inked in lines which, on the color, you will notice are yellow brass being the result of "dry runs" from empty cartridge lips striking these particular places. Lines "A" and "C" always result in dents compatible with that on CE 543. Lines "B" result ina bilobed symmetrical dent not apparent on any of the Commission Exhibits. This is the prevailing situation with six of the eight guns I have had at various times. I can no longer have access to the other two weapons.

Also enclosed is photograph of the exhibits taken for me by the Archivist and new before and after pictures of an additional four cartridges dented by myself and subsequently fired. I will also send you duplicates of these in color next week. It might be a good idea to destroy the first set or return them.

cc: Harold Weisberg

Sincerely,

John Nichols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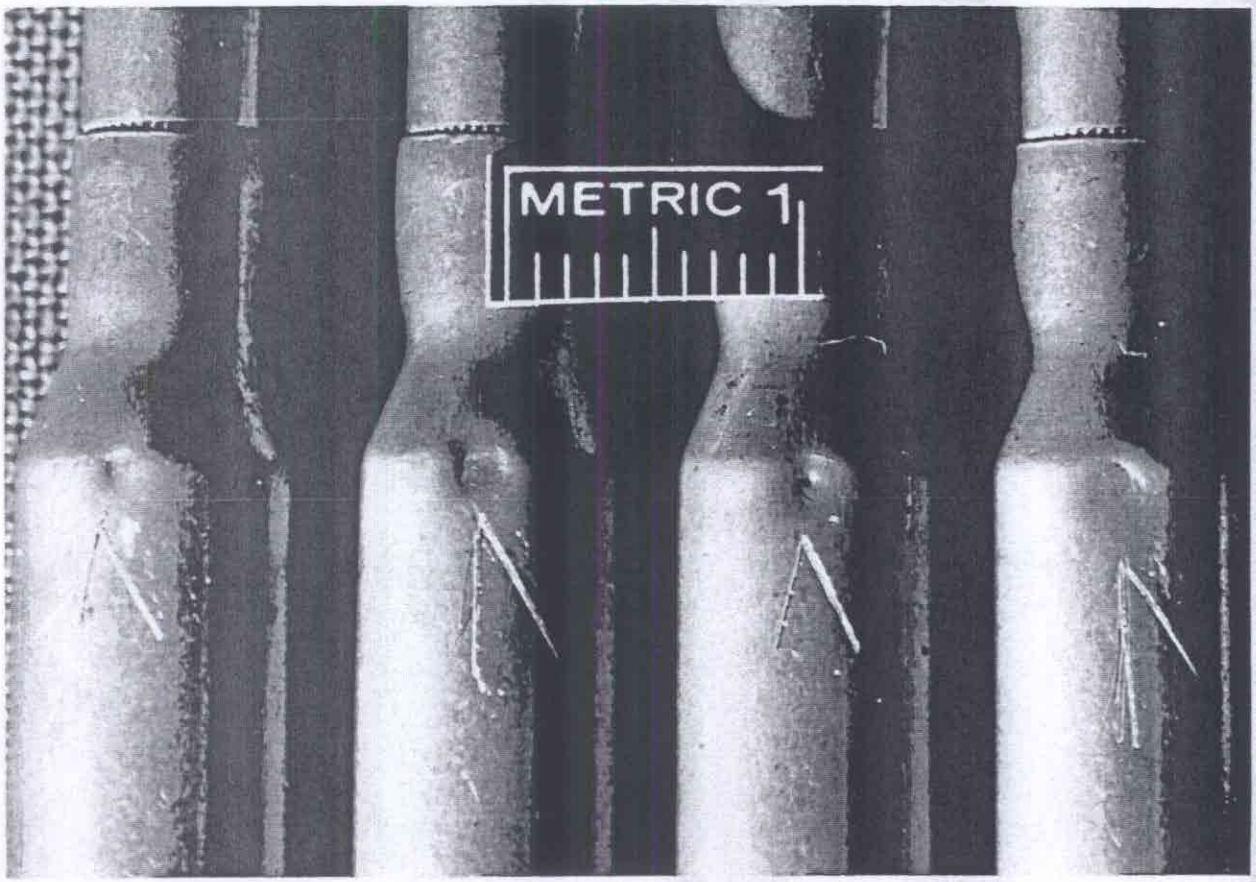
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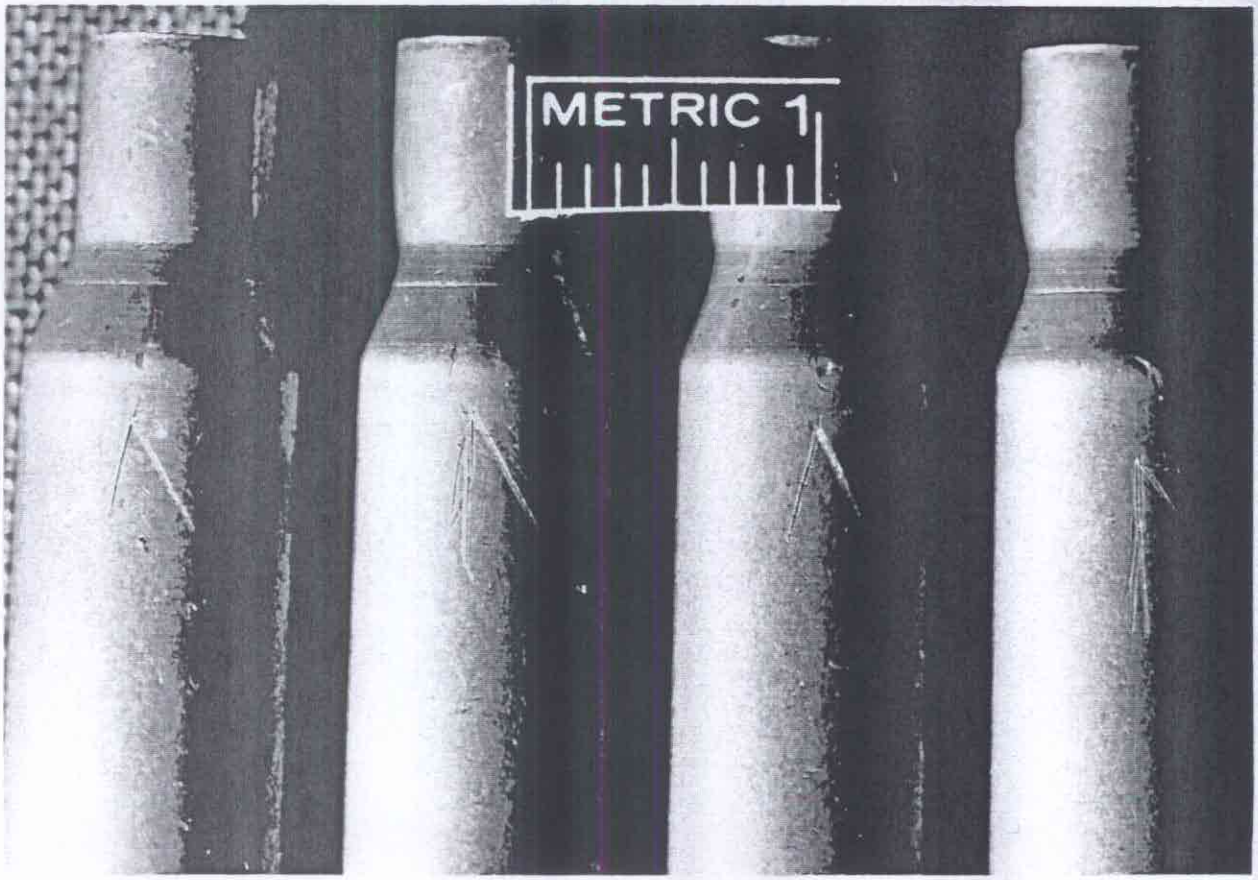
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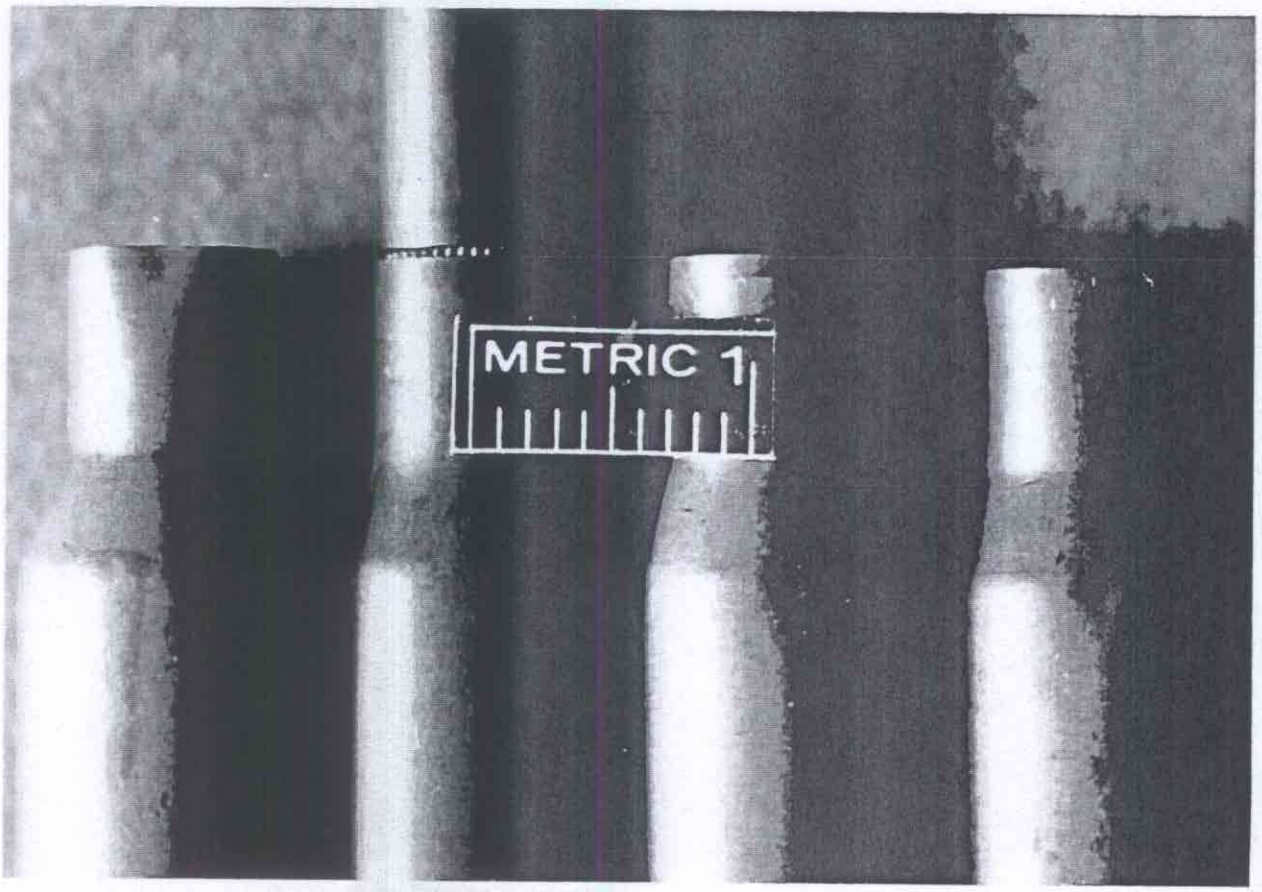
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